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In re Application of: James Morrow, et al. Examiner: Patel, Niketa I.

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Title: GENERIC DEVICE CONTROLLER UNIT Customer No. 66880

AND METHOD

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action mailed May 15, 2008, and is timely filed.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-38 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4, 6-20, 22-27, and 29-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swales *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,233,626), Montijo (U.S. Patent No. 6,052,107), and further in view of Johnson *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,622,185). Claims 5, 21, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable Swales *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,233,626), Montijo (U.S. Patent No. 6,052,107), Johnson *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,622,185), and further in view of Evoy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,958,020). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims.